

*Ante*, p. 1720.

and declare that the natural gas emergency declared to exist by Proclamation No. 4485 of February 2, 1977 is terminated.

The fact that this winter's natural gas emergency is over in no way signals an end to our energy crisis. On the contrary, it is a reminder that our natural gas supply is far short of potential demand. Unless we take remedial action to develop a natural gas policy as part of a comprehensive energy policy, our economy, and even our homes, will be in increasing danger with each passing year. On April 20, 1977, I shall propose a policy to provide a long-term solution to our energy problems.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and first.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4496

April 8, 1977

**World Trade Week, 1977**

*By the President of the United States of America*

**A Proclamation**

We live in a world where all of us must depend on each other—a world divided by nationality and philosophy, but drawn together by common problems and common hopes. We share with all people a concern about unemployment, inequality, poverty, inflation, and the danger of war. And we share with all people the hope of a life free of hunger, disease, and repression, and a determination to overcome international differences with mutual trust, respect and cooperation.

Our desire for justice, stability, and peace finds practical expression in world trade. Trade generates forces of friendship and understanding, which in turn bring us closer to the kind of world we want.

The United States is the unsurpassed leader in international commerce. Because our total trade is greater than that of any other nation, we can, by increasing our trade activities, make an enormous contribution to the health of the international economy, to the job market at home and abroad, to progressive relationships between rich and poor nations and, finally, to the cause of peace on our globe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning May 22, 1977, as World Trade Week. I urge business, labor, agricultural, educational, professional and civic groups, the communications media, and all concerned Americans, to observe World Trade Week with meetings, discussions, exhibits, ceremonies, and other appropriate activities that promote continuing awareness of the importance of world trade to our Nation and to our relations with other nations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and first.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4497

April 11, 1977

**Older Americans Month, 1977**

*By the President of the United States of America*

**A Proclamation**

Nearly 33 million Americans are at least 60 years old, and the number is growing by 500,000 a year.

Older Americans can provide our youngsters with an awareness of their heritage, and with a sense of family continuity.

And older Americans can pass on to our children not only the knowledge and wisdom that come with age, but also the values that guided our forebears in building a great republic.

We must find ways to assure that older citizens will continue to lead useful and productive lives. And we must find ways to use their experience, judgment and ability.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the month of May, 1977, as Older Americans Month.

I call upon all Federal, State and community agencies, educators, the communications media, the clergy, and concerned organizations and individuals to do all that lies within their power to help assure that our older citizens have an adequate personal income, access to housing facilities responsive to their needs, adequate services such as health care and transportation, fair employment opportunities, and opportunities for continued involvement in our Nation's activities. Let each of us resolve to do all that is possible to guarantee to these Americans that their later years will be rich, secure and filled with the dignity that is, and ought to be, the birthright of all Americans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eleventh day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and first.

JIMMY CARTER